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A computerized method of automatically generating payment

automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a

5 automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by

automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said rule data are comparison

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said payment data includes

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein said billing data includes at

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

automatically providing said payment data to said billable party for

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

automatically electronically notifying said billing party of said

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
automatically generating billing data analysis reports for review by
said billable party utilizing said billing data wherein said billing data includes
corporate billing codes.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said billing data analysis
reports are for review by said billing party.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
providing interactive computer screens so that said billable party supplies analysis
data for inclusion in billing data analysis reports.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said analysis data includes
case budget data.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said comparison of said billing
data with said rule data includes a comparison with rule data containing a
corporate billing code.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
automatically electronically notifying said billing party if said billing data does not
satisfy said comparison with said rule data.

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14. A computerized method for automatically processing an electronic invoice generated by a billing party for a billable party utilizing rule data defined by said billable party and an invoice processing party, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5 electronically submitting an electronic invoice to an invoice processing party for automatic evaluation in accord with rule data defined by a billable party and said invoice processing party;
- automatically evaluating said electronic invoice in accord with said rule data;
- 10 automatically electronically notifying said billing party of results of said evaluation;
- automatically generating payment data for an electronic payment and designating said electronic invoice as paid, if said electronic invoice satisfies said evaluation; and
- 15 automatically generating invoice analysis reports for said billable party utilizing said paid electronic invoice.

✓ 15. A computerized system for automatically generating payment for electronic billing data, comprising:

- means for automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a billing party for a billable party;
- 5 means for automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by said billable party; and
- means for automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing data satisfies said comparison with said rule data.

16. A computer readable storage medium containing computer executable code for instructing a computer to operate as follows:

- automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a billing party for a billable party;
- 5 automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by said billable party; and
- automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing data satisfies said comparison with said rule data.

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17. The computer readable storage medium containing computer executable code for instructing a computer to operate of claim 16, further comprising automatically electronically notifying said billing party if said billing data does not satisfy said comparison with said rule data.

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